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The new energy, the dogged and selfless labor with which the Soviet people applied themselves to the second year of the Postwar Five-Year Plan was demonstrative of their irresistible might of Leninism. By the end of 1947 they achieved a 103.9-percent fulfillment of the plan for gross output and a 22-percent increase in industrial output over 1946.

The Moscow municipal plan was completed 19 November, followed on 24 November by the fulfillment of the all-oblast plan. By October 1947 Moscow production had exceeded the 1940 average monthly output and was 29 percent above 1946 production.

The deciding factor in such a growth of production was increased labor productivity. In Moscow plants and factories more than 40,000 Stakhanovites did 2 years' work in 10½ months, while some 7,000 did 3 years' work. By October 1947, the patriotic initiative of Stakhanovites, engineers and technical workers had put the labor productivity of Moscow industry 39 percent above the same period of 1946, and 32 percent above the prewar level.

Soviet agricultural output in 1947 averaged 48 percent over 1946. The gross grain crop was up 58 percent, cotton 21 percent, potatoes 30 percent, and the sugar-beet yield almost trebled. The 1947 grain yield reached the prewar level. Moscow Oblast was among the many oblasts and krais which fulfilled their 1947 plans ahead of schedule, exceeding its prewar yields in grains, potatoes, and vegetables.

It was such agricultural triumphs as these that made possible the monetary reforms, the abolition of rationing, and the sale of merchandise at stabilized, reduced state prices. In Moscow, state trade organizations have opened 746 new stores and shops, while cooperative organizations of local industry have opened 575 new stores, shops, and public eating places.

The 1947 municipal expenditure in the revival and development of city economy was 1,250 million rubles, which was spent on housing, transport, water mains, drainage, streets, planting of trees, and other social welfare measures.

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